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Jurors and Employers of Jurors are Appreciated!

Riverside County, CA – Jury service means rearranging schedules, canceling appointments, and most times missing work. It requires a sacrifice for not only the juror, but for his or her employer as well. In light of this fact and because it is important that the justice system is supported by its citizens and the business community is serves, trial courts throughout the State of California, including Riverside County Superior Court, will demonstrate their appreciation of jurors and their employers with a number of activities during Jury Appreciation Week, scheduled for May 12-16, 2003.

In addition to thanking jurors serving throughout the county, Riverside County Superior Court would also like to recognize business owners and other employers who allow employees to take a significant amount of paid time off, in some cases unlimited hours, to serve as jurors when they are called. "Without the continued support and sacrifices made by these generous employers, and of course the jurors themselves, the justice system could not work as our founding fathers intended it to," said Superior Court Judge Paul E. Zellerbach, Chair of the Jury Services Committee for Riverside County.

Many generous employers, private and public, support the justice system in Riverside County. In appreciation of their support, the Court has referred several employers' names, submitted by their employees serving on jury duty, to the State so that they can be identified in a statewide listing of "Good Corporate Citizens." These names will appear on the California Courts Web Site located at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury/. This site was designed for jurors, employers, and the public; and, it includes useful information about California's jury system